



# BIOGRAPHY

## *UNITED STATES AIR FORCE*

**325th Fighter Wing**  
**Office of Public Affairs**  
Tyndall AFB, Fla 32403-5428

### **CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT RICHARD J. CARGILL**

Chief Master Sergeant Richard J. Cargill is the command chief master sergeant of the 325th Fighter Wing, Air Education and Training Command, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. He is responsible for advising the 325th Fighter Wing commander on the overall management of more than 4,849 personnel and 30 associate units.

His responsibilities include assessing factors impacting the health, welfare, morale, effective utilization, quality of life, and progress of the wing's enlisted force and advising the commander on these assessments. He coordinates with staff agencies, commanders and senior enlisted personnel on matters of administration and implementation of wing policy. He observes all facets of the work, social and living environments of the enlisted force and meets with the Chiefs' Group, First Sergeants' Group, Top 3, Airmen's councils, and professional organizations and committees specified by the commander.



Chief Cargill grew up in Westbrook, Maine. He entered the Air Force through the United States Basic Military Training School on 17 March 1977. During his 26-year career, the chief has served in a variety of positions, supporting varied missions as an Inventory Management Specialist, a Non Commissioned Officer (NCO) Professional Military Education (PME) instructor, a First Sergeant and now, as a wing Command Chief Master Sergeant.

#### **EDUCATION:**

- 1979 Phase I NCO PME, Orientation Course, Charleston AFB, S.C.
- 1981 Phase II NCO PME, USAF Supervisors Course, McGuire AFB, N.J.
- 1982 Tactical Air Command NCO Leadership School, Shaw AFB, S.C.
- 1982 Leadership and Management Development Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1982 Academic Instructors School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1986 Tactical Air Command Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
- 1991 USAF First Sergeant's Academy, Keesler AFB, Miss.
- 1992 Associate Degree in Logistics, Community College of the Air Force (CCAF)
- 1992 Associate Degree in Instructor of Technology and Military Studies, CCAF
- 1992 Associate Degree in Personnel Administration, CCAF
- 1995 USAF Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Gunter AFB, Ala.

1996 BA in Organizational Management, Warner Southern College, Lake Wales, Fla.

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. June 1977-December 1980, Local Manufacture Monitor, 437th Headquarters Squadron, Charleston AFB, S.C.
2. December 1980-January 1982, Maintenance/Supply Liaison Non-Commissioned Officer, 438th Military Airlift Wing, McGuire AFB, N.J.
3. January 1982-March 1987, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Military Education Instructor/Director of Education, 363rd Combat Support Group, Shaw AFB, S.C.
4. March 1987-June 1988, Acting First Sergeant, 39th Supply Squadron, Incirlik AB, Turkey
5. June 1988-March 1991, Non-Commissioned Officer in charge, Analysis and Procedures Sections and Superintendent, Mission Support Branch, Defense Mapping Agency-Aerospace Center, St. Louis, Mo.
6. March 1991-June 1997, First Sergeant, 22nd Combat Communications Squadron, 41st Rescue Squadron, 45th Medical Group, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick AFB, Fla.
7. June 1997-September 1998, First Sergeant, 39th Medical Group, and 39th Maintenance Squadron, Incirlik AB, Turkey.
8. September 1998-November 2002, First Sergeant, Headquarters, Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
9. November 2002-present, command chief master sergeant, 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Joint Service Achievement Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Recognition Ribbon  
National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Ribbon  
USAF NCO PME graduate Ribbon with two oak leaf clusters  
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship with one bronze star  
Master Supply-Fuels Badge

**OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Senior Airman Below-the-Zone, 1979  
Honor Graduate, Phase II NCO PME USAF Supervisor's Course, 1981  
Communicative Skills and Distinguished Graduate Awards, NCO Leadership School, 1982  
363rd Fighter Wing and Shaw AFB NCO of the Year, 1984  
Tactical Air Command NCO Leadership School Instructor of the Year, 1984  
USAF Outstanding Non Commissioned Officer Leadership School Instructor of the Year, 1984  
Promoted to Technical Sergeant under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program, 1985  
363rd Fighter Wing and Ninth Air Force NCO of the Year, 1985 and 1986  
Distinguished Graduate Award, Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, 1986  
347th Fighter Wing First Sergeant of the Year, 1992  
1st Fighter Wing First Sergeant of the Year, 1993  
Air Combat Command First Sergeant of the Year, 1994

Patrick AFB First Sergeant of the Year, 1996

Headquarters, Air Force Technical Applications Center First Sergeant of the Year, 1996

Air Intelligence Agency First Sergeant of the Year, 1996

Magna Cum Laude Graduate, Warner Southern College, 1996

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Airman Basic	17 March 1977	Staff Sergeant	1 June 1981
Airman	17 September 1977	Technical Sergeant	8 March 1985
Airman First Class	17 March 1978	Master Sergeant	1 May 1989
Senior Airman	1 September 1979	Senior Master Sergeant	1 August 1995
Sergeant	1 September 1980	Chief Master Sergeant	1 November 1998

**(Current as of January 2003)**